

## HISTORICAL.

About the middle of August, 1631, John, the son of Samuel and Eleanor Sanford, of Alford, Lincolnshire, England, sailed for America, in the ship Lyon, Captain Pierce, in company with John Eliot the missionary to the Indians, John Winthrop Jr., afterwards governor of Ct., and others. They arrived out of Boston harbor, on Nov. 3d, and after two days landed in the new world. A few items from the colonial records will be of interest to his descendants.

Before the close of the year he was recorded as a church member. Aug. 6, '33, he was chosen to oversee the building of cart bridges over Stony and Muddy rivers. May 14, '34, appointed to examine the condition of the ordnance, powder and shot.

Sept. 3, '34, he was chosen cannoneer for the Port of Boston, and for two years service already rendered at said Port, and for one year to come he was allowed £20. Sept. 8, '36, he was allowed £10 for service the year past. Oct. 28, '36, again appointed cannoneer and surveyor of the arms and ammunition, salary £30 for himself and man. Nov. 2, '37, discharged and allowed £13, 6 s., 8 d., for the year past.

Nov. 20, '37, he and others were ordered to deliver up all guns, pistols, swords, powder, shot, etc., because "The opinions and revelations of Mr. Wheelwright and Mrs. Hutchinson have seduced and led into dangerous errors many of the people here in New England." Being allowed to leave the colony they went to Portsmouth, R. I., where on March 7, 1638, he and eighteen others signed the following compact: "We, whose names are underwritten, do hereby solemnly, in the presence of Jehovah, incorporate ourselves into a Bodie Politick, and, as he shall help, will submit our persons, lives and estates unto our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and to all those perfect and most absolute laws of his, given us in his holy word of truth, to be guided and judged thereby."

May 18, '38, at a general meeting of the inhabitants, it was ordered that the meeting house should be set on the neck of land that goes over to the main island, where he and John Coggeshall shall lay it out. May 20, '38, he had six acres allotted him north of the great cove.

June 27, '38, he and four others were appointed to repair highways. 1640, constable; Mar. 16, '41, Freeman; '44, Lieutenant; '47-'49, assistant; '53, President of Portsmouth and Newport.

His will was dated June 22, 1653,—proved in the same year. His wife Bridget was exx., and the overseers, Brother-in-law Edward Hutchinson of